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Applicants: NIXON ET AL..

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Title: INTEGRATING DISTRIBUTED  
PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM  
FUNCTIONALITY ON A SINGLE  
COMPUTER

Group Art Unit: 2123

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below.

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.